

GEN. WOOD DENIES BEING R. ENVOY

Contradicts Report That He
Carried Assurances to Root
of Support.

By P. T. RELLHAN.
NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Gen. Leonard Wood has given a flat contradiction to the assertion by Old Guard Republican leaders that he had been one of two envoys who carried to Elihu Root assurances of Colonel Roosevelt's support in the event of Root's nomination for President by the Republican national convention.

"I have not been, I am not, and I don't intend to be anybody's emissary for any political reason," General Wood said. He said it with emphasis.

The report of Colonel Roosevelt's alleged attitude toward the Root boom was canvassed widely by Republicans and Progressives.

Progressives declared point blank they did not believe it was true or ever could be true. The candidacy of Root, they said, was one which in the nature of things Colonel Roosevelt could not approve at this juncture.

Many Republicans, however, accepted the report of Roosevelt's endorsement of their man, and professed to see nothing strange or improbable in it.

Between the Progressives and Roosevelt Republicans who rejected the reported endorsement as an invention of the enemy and the men of the Old Guard who believed it as gospel truth, there was a large Republican element that took intermediate ground.

These thought it probable Roosevelt had said something which his friends had construed as a promise of support, but they said it was a safe guess that there would be nothing found on record to the contrary up to a Root candidacy either in the national convention or afterward.

That Roosevelt is approving any candidacy other than his own at this time these Republicans regarded as more than doubtful.

This last, as a matter of course, was the view which prevailed in the meeting of Progressive county chairman held in Progressive State headquarters in this city yesterday afternoon to select candidates for delegates-at-large to their national convention. Walter A. Johnson, of Westchester, the State chairman, presided.

The county chairman, with a few exceptions, reported a desire on the part of Progressives in their districts to have harmony in Chicago and a union on the Presidential ticket.

Roosevelt Letter Read.
A letter from Colonel Roosevelt to Charles W. Fear, of Joplin, Mo., bearing date of December 14, 1915, was read into the proceedings of the conference by way of a warning to Progressives that they must receive with great reservation any report of the Colonel's thought, word or deed that is not verified by his own sign manual.

J. W. McGrath, secretary of Colonel Roosevelt, regarded the letter as applicable to the controversy over the Root candidacy.

"My Dear Mr. Fear—By repeated and uncomfortable experience I have found that anything I say in a private letter or in a private interview, even with my good and staunch friends, is almost certain to be the cause of repetition, to be misunderstood and misinterpreted. Accordingly I must have it definitely understood that I am not expected to say anything unless I speak in public over my own signature."

Oscar S. Straus, of New York, and Horace S. Wilkinson, of Syracuse, were selected as primary candidates for delegates-at-large to the Progressive national convention. Neil K. Kellogg, of Watertown, and Elton H. Hooker, of New York, as alternates at large.

A statement of the position of the Progressive party was given out in part as follows:

Urges Consolidation Of Traction Companies

Clarence P. King Tells Federation of Citizens' Associations It Is Necessary—Calls Public Utilities Service Here Cheap.

Consolidation of the traction companies in Washington was advocated by Clarence P. King, president of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, at last night's meeting of the Federation of Citizens' Associations.

Mr. King said consolidation, which he had favored since his election as president of the company, was necessary. He declared this to be the only means of meeting the traffic problems in Washington, to finance development projects and to increase trackage to meet public demands.

As a result of Mr. King's talk before the Federation, the subject of which was "Let's Talk It Over," and was meant to be a conference, the Federation instructed its public utilities committee to confer with him and the heads of other public service corporations in the city. Co-operation, Mr. King said, and the Federation agreed, is the agency through which betterments will come.

Asks an Examination.
Mr. King reviewed the history of his company, stating that in thirteen years it had spent \$7,500,000 for extensions and improvements. He quoted statistics, referring to stress conditions under which the company carries on its business, and asked for examination of both sides of the railway question before forming an opinion. He advocated the abolition of compulsory street cars, which cause a loss of 20 minutes a day in the operation of cars.

Congestion of street railway cars in Washington is a noticeable factor, he said. The inauguration of a skip stop system during rush hours, he stated, would help matters a great deal. Speaking of the maintenance of crossing policemen, he said the salaries of these men had cost the company \$61,000 in sixteen years.

The speaker produced figures to show that utility service is about the cheapest necessity in Washington. Since 1910, it was shown, the cost of coal had advanced 50 per cent; servants' wages, 50 per cent; food, 33 per cent; and clothing, 23 per cent, while the cost of electric service had decreased 50 per cent.

Calls Service Here Cheap.
Only about 24 per cent of the average annual income of \$1,000 is spent for electricity, and yet this and other utilities are the most strictly regulated, whereas there is no regulation of the commodities for which the bulk of the income is spent, he pointed out.

The railway head said that street car service here is cheap in comparison with other eastern cities, the majority of which have street car fares, and this in addition to the fact that the street car service is the most efficient in the country.

Staff Topographers of Geological Survey Dine.
Topographers on the staff of the Geological Survey, who have served twenty years or more in their profession, held their sixth annual banquet last night at the Shoreham.

R. C. McKinley, president, was toastmaster. He was introduced by A. Benson Seale, the retiring president. Glen S. Smith was chairman of the committee on arrangements.

The topographers have no formal organization, but come together every year for a feast and a discussion of their work. The informal president, who is installed automatically as his years of membership qualify him, acts as toastmaster.

Deer Ruin Trees.
BARABOO, Wis., Feb. 20.—Deer, which are protected the year round in Sauk county, are ruining orchards in the neighborhood of Baraboo, is the declaration of the State entomologist. He has gone to Madison to appeal to the governor for assistance for apple growers.

Divorces Sixth Wife.
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 20.—The sixth chapter of the story of John A. Keepers' matrimonial ventures was closed when Judge Lucas granted him a divorce from Julia Keepers. She was his sixth wife. He is seventy-seven years old, and she is fifty-nine. He testified that she refused to live with him.

Wild Horses Menace.
SANTA FE, N. M., Feb. 20.—Wild horses have increased to such an extent in New Mexico during the last few years that they are a menace to the domestic herds, according to a report of the cattle shipping board.

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DISCUSSES EFFICACY OF CITIZENS' BODIES

William R. Harr Addresses Mt. Pleasant Association—Joins the Federation.

Usefulness of citizens' associations in Washington was discussed at last night's meeting of the Mt. Pleasant Citizens' Association by William R. Harr, president of the Columbia Heights Citizens' Association.

The speaker said the action taken with regard to the District and Federal governments, and on the Commissioners' proposal to abolish the Board of Education amply demonstrated that the associations had great weight with Congress.

The Mt. Pleasant Association voted to join the Federation of Citizens' Associations and appointed Herman J. Phillips as its delegate and Melvin C. Sharpe as alternate.

Ventilation of street cars was discussed by Dr. A. A. Cheney, and the lack of towels in schools since the common towel was abolished was considered by the association.

Fred G. Golden was named chairman of the parks committee to succeed Charles G. Stott. New members admitted to the association were H. T. Webster, Dr. E. F. Sappington, and C. C. Hines.

G. Grosvenor Dawe, who advocated a plan to use the prospective auditorium in the Fowell-Johnson School annex, was appointed chairman of a committee to work out plans whereby the association can best utilize the assembly hall. Previous to this appointment, Mr. Dawe made several motions providing for the combining of the citizens' body with the Farrow-Teachers' Association, which were laid on the table.

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